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Commission to Revamp Online Residency Roster in 2007

The Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) will not be conducting a formal application process to our Residency Roster in 2007. All current Residency Roster Artists will remain on the Roster, and their information will still be available on the Commission website. ACA will be taking this time to develop a new, more robust, online database for our current Roster Artists and application to our Roster.

The Commission also will be taking a thoughtful look into the work of artists on our Roster, teaching artist trends, and conducting surveys in the field on how schools, organizations, and communities utilize the Roster. ACA will also be reviewing existing Roster policies and procedures. The Commission plans to re-open auditions in fall 2008, auditioning artists in all artistic categories; dance, theatre, visual arts, folk arts performing and visual, creative writing, and interdisciplinary arts. The Commission will proceed with full auditions of artists in all artistic categories every other year. In the year's we do not audition, look for more offerings in professional development from us in the form of workshops, conferences and symposiums, designed for community- and education-based artists. It is our hope to place exemplary teaching artists in schools and communities throughout the state.

Sponsors may still apply for support for artists' whose services are not on our Roster, through the Commission's granting process. Information and guidelines are posted on our website and sponsors can also call ACA for assistance. The Commission's next grants submission deadline for Schools and Organizations is **March 22, 2007**.

The Commission provides a number of resources for teaching artists on the website at www.azarts.gov. ACA Program Directors encourage you to visit this page often as new opportunities may arise. Throughout the year ACA provides workshops designed for **Teaching Artists**, and encourages them to attend these and other workshops in order to continue personal and professional growth. The Commission also provides Professional Development Grants to assist with the cost of attending workshops or conferences outside of Arizona; for more information please visit www.azarts.gov/artslearning/opportunities.htm or www.azarts.gov/artists/teachingartists.htm

As the state arts agency, the Commission envisions an Arizona where all people can broaden, deepen and diversify their engagement with the arts, as creators, audiences and supporters, in ways that are satisfying and integral to their lives.

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